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Freight Traffic

1. General

April traffic results were, in general, satisfactory. The loading plan was 105.2% fulfilled, and the unloading plan at 119.4%.

The average daily availability of serviceable freight cars in April was 8,510, compared with 8,237 for the previous month. The increase can only be attributed to an improved turn-around and to accelerated repairs of damaged cars. The local turn-around was improved from the rate of 1.5. days to 1.4.

In April a total of 56,025 cars were made available for loading as against 53,502 during March.

Average daily figures were:-

	Loading	Unloading
April 1,868		2,066
March 1,726		1,807

2. Bulk-Consignments

a. Potash

The following figures refer to quantities loaded at individual stations during April:-

	Cars	Tons
Borndorf (Rhön)	1,040	18,712
Leimbach-Kaiseroda	1,926	33,524
Unterbreizbach	1,180	21,233
Kenteroda (Thür)	954	16,017
Pischofferode	905	13,974
Bleicherode-Ost	1,298	22,965

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	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Glückauf mine	2,255	44,735
Sollstedt	552	9,655
Rosslieben	504	8,935
	<u>10,614</u>	<u>189,750</u>

The figure for the number of cars loaded represents only 70.9% of the planned total, as against 71.3% for the previous month.

Consignment of potash to individual reception areas:-

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Stralsund	367	6,616
Wismar	2,645	47,452
Hamburg	1,239	19,566
Lübeck	804	12,819
Magdeburg (for reshipment)	217	3,792
Schönebeck (" ")	404	7,062
Fürstenberg (" ")	320	5,609
Riesa and Dresden (for reshipment to Czechoslovakia)	108	2,206
Czechoslovakia	239	4,386
Poland	158	2,360
Hungary	33	495
	<u>6,534</u>	<u>112,423</u>

b. Gypsum

Ground gypsum was dispatched from the following places, in the following quantities:-

	<u>April</u>	<u>March</u>
Elrich	93 cars	74 cars
Niedersachswerfen	68 "	54 "
Nordhausen	34 "	56 "
Rottleberode	92 "	120 "
Krölpa	127 "	120 "
	<u>414 "</u>	<u>424 "</u>

In April, 64 trains, totalling 1,192 cars were loaded with gypseous stone at Niedersachswerfen for dispatch to Kötzschen.

c. Fluorspar

In April, 73 cars were loaded with fluorspar out of which 15 cars were sent to Yugoslavia and 40 to Leningrad.

d. Timber

The loading plan of 7,320 cars for the month was 85.5% fulfilled with a total of 6,299 cars. Freight cars loaded for Switzerland during the month totalled 644; 209 cars were loaded with sawn timber for Rava-Russkaya.

e. Cement

1,034 cars containing 16,149 tons of cement were despatched from Goschütz mainly representing reparations shipments. At Karsdorf 321 cars were loaded.

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